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SUBJECT: LEFTIST PROTEST AGAINST P-3 MOVE AND POSSIBLE SDF USE
OF EVACUATED SPACE AT NAHA
REF: NAHA 533
SUMMARY: THE OKINAWA LEFT HAS FORMED A NEW JOINT MOVEMENT TO
PROTEST THE P-3 MOVE AND BLOCK SDF EFFORTS TO USE SOME OF FACILITIES
THE NAVY LEAVES AT NAHA. PROBABLY WILL CAUSE MORE TROUBLE FOR THE

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SDF THAN US. END SUMMARY.
1. THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT PARIES (I.E., THE OSMP,
JCP, JSP, DSP, AND KOMEITO - ALL BUT THE LDP) MET AND FORMED A
"PREFECTURAL PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE COUNCIL FOR THE COMPLETE RELEASE OF
NAHA AIRPOGT" ON JAN 10, ACCORDING TO THE OKINAWA TIMES. THE
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PARTIES PROFESS CONCERN OVER THE U.S. NAVY AND MARINES MOVE OF

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AIRCRAFT AND FACILITIES OUT OF NAHA TO KADENA THIS SPRING AND, AFTER THAT, THE POSSIBILITY THE SELF DEFENSE FORCES WILL EXPAND THEIR USE OF NAHA AIRPORT. THE PRESS ARTICLE STATES 55 PERCENT OF CURRENT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AT NAHA ARE BY U.S. AND JSDF PLANES, AND ALLEGEDLY 63 PERCENT OF "INCIDENTS" PER YEAR HAVE BEEN RELATED TO U.S. PLANES, 27 PERCENT TO JSDF PLANES, AND ONLY TEN PERCENT TO CIVIL AIRCRAFT.

2. THE NEW ORGANIZATION REPORTEDLY INTENDS TO PROMOTE A PUBLIC MASS MOVEMENT, SUPPORTED BY OTHER LOCAL LEFTIST GROUPS SUCH AS THE TEACHERS UNION, REVERSION COUNCIL AND ANTI-H BOMB MOVEMENTS, TO DEMAND THE TOTAL RELEASE OF NAHA AIRPORT FOR CIVIL USE, AND ALSO TO OPPOSE THE MOVE OF THE P-3S TO KADENA, INSISTING THAT THEY BE TOTALLY REMOVED FROM OKINAWA.

3. COMMENT: REFTEL REPORTED DEC 1974 PRESS STORY ALLEGING JSDF

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INTENDS TO TAKE OVER AIRCRAFT PARKING SPACES WHICH WILL BE VACATED WHEN NAVY AND MARINES MOVE TO KADENA. NEGOTIATIONS OVER MATTER WERE REPORTEDLY ONGOING BETWEEN GOJ CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU AND JSDF. SO FAR THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS NEW LEFTIST JOINT STRUGGLE WILL DO MORE VIS-A-VIS US THAN COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR TRANSFER OF P-3 OPERATIONS. PROBABLY THEIR MAIN EFFORT WILL BE TO MAKE IT AS HARD AS POSSIBLE ON THE GOJ LETTING THE SDF TAKE OVER PART OF THE FACILITIES AND FLIGHT LINE WE LEAVE, AND ALSO TO GAIN AS MUCH PROPAGANDA CAPITAL AS POSSIBLE OUT OF A FINAL GOJ DECISION TO LET THE SDF USE PART OF THIS SPACE.

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